

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Once interns have committed to attend Flame of Fire Bible School and received their acceptance letter, they need to immediately begin raising funds. Interns should tell as many people as possible about their plans to attend Flames of Fire Bible School, and how individuals can partner by financially supporting them each month. We suggest that all interns give their friends and family the opportunity to make this eternal investment. It is recommended that interns send out a support letter, similar to the one included below, to as many people as they know - friends, family, church members, co-workers, etc. They may give "X" amount each month, or a one time donation. Interns should track letters well. Two weeks after the letters have been sent out, call them over the phone. Check to see if they received the letter, if they have any questions, share progress and ask if they have prayerfully considered supporting them. Interns should keep a good record of who is planning on supporting them and the money given. Be sure to write thank you letters as donations are received.

Below is a suggested sample letter that you can use. You will just need to personalize it.

[Date]

Dear Family and Friends,

I will be taking part in a life-changing experience next year and I would like to invite you to help support me in this adventure, and partner with me to make a difference in the Kingdom of God. Beginning in June of [year], I will be attending Flames of Fire Bible School in Penitas, Texas. It is a 7 week program designed to equip young men and women to carry out the will of God through the local church. It will give me the opportunity to explore God's calling on my life while acquiring practical ministry skills.

During my time at this program, I will be serving and worshipping at Centro Cristiano Familiar Paraiso de Palmas. I will serve in many ministry settings inside and outside the church as well as attend weekly classes about the Bible and ministry. During my internship, I will grow in Christ, serve Him wholeheartedly and be a witness to the world.

The cost of Tuition is \$1,400.00 total. I would greatly appreciate it if you would consider supporting me in prayer and financially as I dedicate these 7 weeks solely to the Lord. Your support, especially in prayer, is a key part of seeing lives changed during this experience. Another way to partner with me in this life-changing experience is to let me know of odd jobs you might have around your home or business, as I desire to work as much as possible up until I begin to raise the funds necessary. If you decide to become a member of my support team, please indicate this to me by phone, letter or e-mail. My contact information can be found below. I will send updates throughout the internship to inform you of the result of your investment. If you are including a check, please make it out to Flames of Fire Bible School. (You might even say, I am looking for 28 people to sponsor me at \$50 up-front to help cover my tuition, which would equal \$1,400.00. This just breaks it down easier for potential sponsors.)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [your phone number] or [your e-mail address] and I would be glad to answer your questions. If you would like to contact a Flames of Fire Bible School staff member, you can reach them at (210) 414-8765. For more information on Flames of Fire Bible School you may go to [www.fofbibleschool.org](http://www.fofbibleschool.org). Thank you so much for your consideration in supporting me in Flames of Fire Bible School.

[Include your contact information here - address, e-mail, phone number]

Sincerely Yours,

[Your name]

Below are some suggestions for fundraisers :

#### 1. Envelope Fundraiser

Distribute 50 envelopes individually numbered 1 to 50 and ask that participants fill the envelope with the amount of money written on the outside. Give them two to five weeks to fill up their envelope, depending on how much time you have. Keep up with who took what envelope and follow up with them. If all 50 people give the amount requested, it will add up to \$1, 275. You might include your address on the envelope so that they can mail you a check.

#### 2. Car Wash

Get permission to use a parking lot to have a car wash. Have some of your friends help you at the car wash. Make posters advertising your car wash and the price. You might also want to pre-sell car wash tickets or do a door to door car wash.

#### 3. Bless your neighbors

This is a creative way to help individuals bless their neighbors. Bake a dozen cookies or make some sort of gift basket. Ask people you know if they want to purchase gift baskets to be delivered to their neighbors- you make the baskets and they pay a set fee per basket. This can be a great ministry opportunity for individuals to bless their neighbors and for you to raise funds.

#### 4. Get a Job

Get a part time job and save!

#### 5. Have a \_\_\_\_\_ a-thon

For example, have a: bike-a-thon, pump iron-a-thon, skate-a-thon, walk-a-thon, prayer-a-thon, etc. Get sponsors to pledge for every mile you walk, skate, ride - you get the point. Set a goal and let the sponsor know beforehand so they have an idea of how much they will have to pay.

#### 6. Dirt Buster Days

Clean people's homes, garages and yards for a set fee. You might break it down to \$20 per yard and \$25 per house. Tell them this is the bottom of the scale and it might be more depending on how big the job is.

#### 7. Matching Funds

Make your sponsor's money go further by presenting a "matching funds" opportunity. Find people of businesses to sponsor you and match every dollar you raise up to a certain amount (\$100, \$500, \$1,000, etc.). Have your sponsors talk to their company or corporation about employee matching funds programs.

#### 8. Doggy Dip

Most pet owners hate to wash their pets, so have a doggy dip. Offer to give people's pets a bath for a set fee.

#### 9. Babysit

Offer one night (or several nights) for parents to let you watch their kids (ideal in February). This is a great chance for parents to do some shopping or for parents just to get out for a while. Let the parents know ahead of time how much you will be charging per hour for each child. Or, take a free-will donation.

#### 10. Business Eco-bucks

Talk to several businesses about saving their aluminum cans, plastic bottles, etc. and donating them to our cause. Set a recycling box somewhere in the business and plan to empty the box and deliver the contents to the appropriate recycling center on a regular basis.